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In re application of:  
WITTENBRINK

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For: *Sort Middle, Screen Space, Graphics  
Geometry Compression Through  
Redundancy Elimination*

Group Art Unit: 2624

Examiner: Do, Anh Hong

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the office action mailed October 21, 2002. The period for response expires January 21, 2003.

REMARKS

In the above referenced case, claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1-4 are rejected and claims 5-19 are allowed. Applicant will sequentially address the issues raised by the Examiner.

I. The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,229,553 B1 issued to Duluk, Jr. et al. ("DULUK") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,408,605 issued to Deering ("DEERING"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

A. Claim 1